

REMARKS

Claims 6-8, 14 and 15 have been examined. Claims 6 and 14 have been amended and claim 15 has been canceled. Reconsideration of the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Interview

Counsel for the Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the interview of August 24, 2005. An appropriate summary form of the interview has been prepared by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Weber. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As now pending, claim 14 includes the limitation that the base, the cooling element and the vessel may be screwed and locked together with a single twist. As discussed in the interview, Weber fails to disclose this feature. Hence, claim 14 is not anticipated by Weber.

Further, claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 15 which are also not described in Weber. Hence, claim 14 is distinguishable for this additional reason.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 6-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Weber in view of Connors. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As now pending, claim 6 includes the limitation that the first threaded element is constructed of glass and the second threaded element is constructed of plastic. While it is true that Connors teaches that bottle 10 can be constructed of "plastics, glass, and metal," nowhere does Connors teach or suggest making interlocking threads of two different materials. Indeed, Connors suggests making all of the components of the bottle out of the same material. For example, col. 3, lines 25-30 teach making bottle 10 from PET. Then, at col. 3, lines 61-65,

Connors teaches that, "Base 18 is also made from a plastic . . ." (emphasis is added). Hence, Connors teaches making all components of the bottle of the same material - not different ones as in claim 6. Hence, claim 6 is distinguishable without amendment.

However, in order to expedite prosecution, claim 6 has been amended to recite that the base and the vessel are flush with each other when connected, and that they may be connected using a single twist. None of the cited art, alone or in combination teaches the use of threads of different materials, and the smooth outer surface, and the connection using a single twist. Hence, claim 6 is distinguishable and in condition for allowance. Claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 6. Claim 15, which has been incorporated into claim 14 is distinguishable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 6-8, 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Searle in view of Connors. As previously described, claims 6-8 and 14 are distinguishable over Connors. Since the Searle patent also fails to teach or suggest such limitations, claims 6-8 and 14 are distinguishable over the cited combination.

Claims 6-8, 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Hymes. Since neither Smith nor Hymes teaches the claimed glass/plastic combination as well as the single twist feature, claims 6-8 and 14 are distinguishable and in condition for allowance.

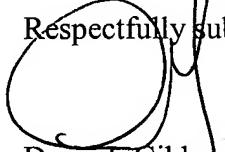
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000

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